Dear Parents and Carers

Campbelltown Council Mayor’s Charity Event
The Easter holidays are upon us, and many staff members will be starting the break with a great night out at the Mayor’s Charity Race Night on April 12th. This year, Passfield Park School will be the beneficiary of the funds raised on the night, which is really exciting and it’s great to have a chance to socialise with each other AND raise money for all the students. If you are quick, tickets are still available online at www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/mayorscharityevent. The event will be held in the Chairman’s Lounge, Tabcorp Park, Menangle, from 6:00-11:00pm. Many thanks to the Mayor of Campbelltown, Cr Clinton Mead, for supporting us and to Darcy Lound for nominating us too.

The Bus
Our new wheelchair hoist equipped bus arrived in February and made the participation at the swimming scheme in weeks six and seven so much easier for all the teachers and gave time for the students to learn to dry and dress, without the great pressure to hurry back to school for someone else to use the bus. Staff are able to plan excursions without having to negotiate for the bus too.

We will be putting the proceeds of the Mayor’s Charity Night towards replacing our older bus. With the wonderful assistance of the team at Passfield Park Kids Inc, we are sure that we’ll be well on our way to a second new bus by this time next year.

Easter Fun
On Wednesday, April 9, we will be having an Easter Fun Day for the primary students, and our high school students will also be assisting with the activities in order to join in the fun too. Please feel free to join us from 12:00.

Easter Raffle
Please remember to return raffle tickets and money for our Easter Raffle. Thank you for the many donations of chocolates, eggs etc for prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, April 9.

April 4, 2014

Julie

The logo for our school charity designed by Joel Beers.
### Aqua Fun for Green Class

This term, Green Class has been going swimming for sport. Each week we travel to Macquarie Fields to swim. We were so excited to see the new water play area was opened two weeks ago. What fun it was on the water slide and waiting for the bucket to pour water all over us. To top off our water experience, we went to the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush. The whirlpool was so great and we had to hold on or be sucked into it. It was a long way to go but well worth it for the fun we had. Ben and Zac thoroughly enjoyed the waterslides. Shada and Blair liked getting dunked. Keeghan and Jesse had fun with the water pistols. Raya felt it was too cold until she warmed up by running about. Brooke said she had been there with her family so was quite happy to show the others around.

Alison and Julie

### Harmonising in Orange Class

The end of Term 1 already! What a busy term it has been. We celebrated Harmony Day on March 21st by wearing orange, eating orange jelly and joining the whole school at sing-along, singing songs. This week we celebrated Blue Day and wore blue, and ate blue jelly.

Two of the students participated in Swimming Scheme and made terrific progress over the two weeks. Congratulations to Ishmam and Aidan.

Our Wednesday drives have been very successful and this week the students were delighted to have a treat purchased from McDonalds. They waited patiently in the bus while Kris went in and purchased their treat. Well done boys!

We hope you all have a safe and happy break from school with your children and look forward to seeing you next term.

Belinda, Kris and Jenny

### Colourful Silver Class

Silver Class has been enjoying many celebrations throughout the last few weeks. We have continued to celebrate our colour days as we learn about and investigate the colours yellow, orange and blue. We celebrated Harmony Day in collaboration with Orange Day and Autism Awareness Day in collaboration with Blue Day.

We have also had Harry’s 7th birthday where we had a great party at school on Yellow Day and Shon’s 5th birthday when we visited Hungry Jacks. All students had a great time, enjoyed their meals and loved playing on the equipment. We were even lucky enough to see a fire engine on our walk and spoke with the fireman.

Silver Class thoroughly enjoyed their time at Swim Scheme in weeks 6 and 7 and have made great progress. Their swim teachers and class teachers are very proud of each of them. We continue to practise the skills learnt during our sport swimming sessions at Eagle Vale Pool. The students are showing a lot more confidence and are willing to have a go and train with their teachers.

Every student has made great achievements this term individually and academically. Well done to our kindergarteners on such a great job in settling in. Their Year 1 classmates have really set an example and are offering their friendship.

Happy Easter and keep safe these holidays.

Sarah, Sonia and Kris
Bowled Over in Purple Class

Sport has been a very popular activity this term in Purple Class with everyone enjoying our ten pin bowling session each Friday. All students are showing improvement in their bowling skills, turn taking and following directions. It has been wonderful to see the encouragement the students give to each other and the excitement they share in their classmates’ achievements.

Swimming Scheme was a great success this year. We were very proud of the progress our students made. They all worked well over the two week period and this was reflected in their notable improvement in water confidence and swimming abilities. It was also great to see how happy and relaxed our students were in the water.

We hope you and your family enjoy the holidays

Diane and Narelle

Birthday Cheer for Blue Class

Blue Class has recently celebrated three birthdays (50% of our class) within a week. For Kaati’s birthday last week, we visited Minto Marketplace after swimming and the students chose their own Subway. We were really impressed by how sensible and grown up the students were waiting and ordering their food. This week we also visited McDonalds, to celebrate Zane and Taylor’s birthdays.

Blue class recently performed in our whole school assembly. We performed Katy Perry’s “Roar”, by signing all of the key words. We loved learning all the signs and we still enjoy practising each day, even though our assembly item is now finished. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mat and Rob

Pink Class goes Orange

Pink Class celebrated two birthdays recently and students have enjoyed party food, playing with balloons and participating in Pass the Parcel and Musical Chairs. Thank you to Mina’s mother and Daniel’s parents for supplying party food and treats for the class on their son’s birthday.

The ten sessions at Swimming Scheme were thoroughly enjoyed by students whilst increasing water confidence, water safety and swimming skills. All students benefitted and showed significant improvement. After the last session students had fun playing in the water play area where they ran through fountains and waited for buckets to pour water over their heads. Thank you to all parents for remembering to send swimmers and a towel each day.

For the Junior classes, Harmony Day celebrations and Orange Day were combined and students enjoyed food, crafts and songs with an orange theme, as well as multicultural music and songs. All students have worked hard this term and we are proud of their achievements. We hope they and their families have an enjoyable and safe Easter break. Just a reminder that Pink Class will be performing an item at Wednesday afternoon assembly on the first week back, 30th April.

Cheryl H, Sharon & Di B

Peanut Allergy

Just a reminder not to pack peanut related foods for your child to bring to school. This includes nutella sandwiches. Some of our students have severe peanut allergies.

Thank you for your consideration.
Fun Days in Yellow Class
Yellow Class has had fun celebrating Yellow Day, Orange Day/Harmony Day and Blue Day with Pink and Silver Classes. We also had a party to celebrate Daniel’s 8th birthday. Swimming Scheme was busy and tiring as all the students worked really hard in their lessons. They all made fantastic progress and were pleased with what they were able to achieve.
In class, we have begun looking at Transport and talking about the different ways we travel to school.
We are still reading ‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt’ and have been doing lots of reading activities and craft to help us remember the story. Rylen loves the ‘swirling whirling snowstorm’ that is hanging in the classroom.
Next week at assembly we will be performing the story in song for everyone.

Developing well in Red Class
Red Class news, where do I start, these exceptional students have excelled over the past term in developing their independence and abilities to learn. Share the joy at some of their successes and achievements.
Mahib has been working very hard at colour naming, matching and working independently, well done Mahib.
Rebecca has been working hard at her buttoning skills and trying hard to be more independent, well done Rebecca.
Dipta has been working independently on individual work task and following directions, well done Dipta.
Nusayba has been following the beat in music and working independently on tasks, well done Nusayba.
Ben has been working very hard on his counting skills and has become quite independent in his work tasks, well done Ben.
Cassandra has worked very hard on her spatial awareness skills and has become very independent in her work tasks, well done Cassandra.
Cheryl, Jeanette and Kris

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www.passfield-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

SNAPP-A-ROOS
FREE COME TRY DAY
SOCCER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
When: Saturday 12th April 2014
Where: Erina Smith Reserve, Calo Park Macquarie
Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Expression of Interest:
To register plus further information please contact:
Ron: 0404 496555 or Lucy 0419 698157
Email: snappsport@hotmail.com
White Class Students Enjoying their Vegies

White class has had a busy second half of Term 1. Students enjoyed taking fruit and vegetable orders from staff, buying vegetables at Minto Orchard, measuring, packing and delivering. They were fascinated by handling produce with gloved hands and feeling the different textures. We are focussing on our communication skills by ‘half the talk’ and using picture communication system (PCS), gestures and signing for ten minutes each morning. Students’ keen engagement in signing and gestures for unpacking their school bags, sitting down at their desks to read a favourite book and getting workbooks out for morning routine is fantastic. During this time, they are increasingly signing in acknowledgement of teacher’s instructions and to express their needs. Students have worked very hard. Two students, Aimee and Jayden celebrated their 13th birthdays. Yes, we have teenagers in our class, how exciting! Congratulations Aimee and Jayden!
Congratulations to our students of the week

Lincon  Jayden  Tia  Ishman
Harry  

Kaley  Daniel  Shada  Nicholas  Mina

Nusayba  Vita  Marys  Emily  Shon

Aidan  Cassandra  Blair  Chance  Marwan  Norm

Rehannan  Zac  Julian  Ryden  Jacob

Thank you to our high school students who took all our student of the week photographs.